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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO NEPAL AND INDIA TRIPS

1. THE DACCA PRESS HAS TAKEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICIZE PRSIDENT ZIA'S VISITS TO NEPAL AND INDIA. FOR SEVERAL DAYS, VIRTUALLY EVERY ITEM ON THE FRONT PAGES HAS A SENTIMENT TYPICAL OF THE DECEMBER 20 HEADLINE IN THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER: "FARAKKA SPIRIT CAN HELP SOLVE BILATERAL ISSUES." ALTHOUGH NO EDITORIAL HAS YET BEEN PUBLISHED ON THE INDIA LEG OF ZIA'S TRIP, THE SENTIMENTS NO DOUBT WILL ECHO WHAT HAS BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT THE NEPAL VISIT VIZ., "THE WARMTH AND HONOR WITH WHICH THE BANGLADESH PRESIDENT WAS RECEIVED ONLY REAFFIRMS THE TRADITIONAL AND HISTORICAL TIES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE TWO SUBCONTINENTAL NEIGHBORS." (BANGLADESH OBSERVER). THE TIMES EMPHASIZED THE THEME WHICH ZIA EVIDENTLY INTENDS TO PROMOTE AS A RESULT OF HIS TRIPS: "THE EVOLUTION OF AN ENVIRONMENT OF PEACE AS A NECESSARY PRECONDITION TO WELFARE IN THE REGION (AND) GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BASIS OF MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION, SOVEREIGN EQUALITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S AFFAIRS (WILL) HELP RESTORE TRUST BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION AND LAY A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR USEFUL COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE."

2. PRIVATELY, MANY BANGLADESHIS HAVE EXPRESSED PRIDE IN ZIA'S TRIPS, EMPHASIZING HIS INITIATIVE AS THE FIRST OF

THE REGIONAL LEADERS TO MADE A TOUR OF GOODWILL.
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